

# **City of Auburn Police Department**

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## **Auburn Police Department Announces Organizational Changes**

The Auburn Police Department is pleased to announce several organizational changes made possible by the public support of the VRFA (Valley Regional Fire Authority). These changes will provide an opportunity for the Auburn Police Department to meet the needs of a rapidly growing city in the upcoming years by increasing the number of commissioned police officers as well as support staff.

“As the City of Auburn continues to grow, so does the need for professional police services,” says Chief of Public Safety Jim Kelly. “The reorganization of the Auburn Police Department and the promotions of these outstanding members of our organization will build the framework that will enhance our abilities to meet the needs of the future. “

In preparation for these staffing increases, the Department is pleased to announce the following promotions that will become effective Jan. 1, 2007:

### **Commander Larry Miller promoted to Assistant Chief of Police**

Commander Miller was commissioned as an Auburn Police Officer in 1991 and has served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Internal Affairs Sergeant, Major Crimes Sergeant, Patrol Commander and is currently serving as the Administrative Services Commander. In 1999, Commander Miller was awarded the Medal of Distinction for crowd control operations during the WTO riots in the City of Seattle. Commander Miller has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. The newly appointed assistant chief is a 20-year U.S. Army veteran (1967-1987) and completed a combat tour as a tank commander with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry in Viet Nam in 1970. Commander Miller is an active member of the

Auburn community and has served as a board Member, vice president and president on the White River Valley Museum Board of Directors and a captain for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraiser.

Commander Miller will be assigned to the Support Services Bureau in charge of the Jail, Records and Administrative Services divisions of the Auburn Police Department.

### **Sergeant Steve Stocker promoted to Commander**

Sergeant Stocker was commissioned as an Auburn Police Officer in 1990 and has served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Major Crimes Sergeant, has served 6 ½ years on the Valley Special Response Team (SWAT) and is currently serving as the Administrative Services Sergeant. In 1999, Stocker was also awarded the Medal of Distinction for crowd control and SRT response during the WTO riots. Sergeant Stocker received his associate's degree in Law Enforcement from Spokane Community College and also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Society and Justice from the University of Washington.

Sergeant Stocker will be assigned as the division commander for the Administrative Services Division.

### **Detective Brian Williams promoted to Sergeant**

Detective Williams was commissioned as an Auburn Police Officer in 1996 and has served as Patrol Officer, Bicycle Officer and Police Explorer Advisor. Detective Williams is currently a detective in the Special Investigations Unit. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Western Washington University. Detective Williams served as the President of the Auburn Police Officers Association from 2000-2005 and raised over \$100,000 for local charities during that time. He is currently involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and volunteers for the Detlef Schrempf Foundation, an organization that provides assistance for Northwest children.

Detective Williams will be assigned to the patrol division as a shift sergeant.

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